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Two Psychiatry Members Listed in "Who's Who"

Two members of the Psychiatry Service are listed in "Who's Who of American Women," the newest volume of the A. N. Marquis Co. of Chicago, publishers of "Who's Who in America."

They are Dr. Grete L. Bibring, chief of the Psychiatry Service and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School; and Dr. Dorothy S. Huntington, Senior Clinical and Research Psychologist of the Psychiatry Service, Chief Psychologist of the Childrens Psychiatric Unit and Instructor in Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School.

Miss Nathan Is Named Association Director

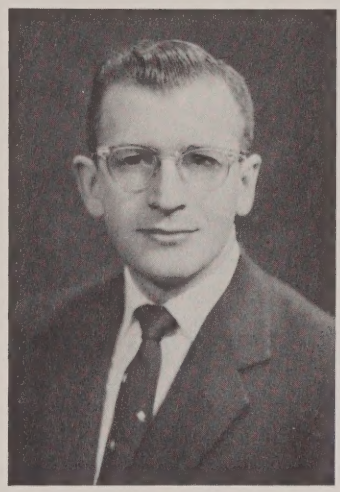
Miss Natalie Nathan, Patients' Accounts Manager in the Fiscal Services Division, has been elected a director of the Hospital Credit Association of New England, the Board of Government of the Association has announced.

Associated with the Hospital for many years, Miss Nathan has served in her present capacity for four years. In 1957-1958, the Hospital Council of New England cited Beth Israel's Patients' Accounts Department for having an outstanding record of collections among metropolitan Boston hospitals.

Dr. Chester Rosoff Is Named to National Cancer Committee

Dr. Chester Rosoff was recently named as a member of the Executive Committee of "The Cooperative Interhospital Study of the Efficacy of Steroids on Cancer of the Breast." The study is being sponsored by the National Cancer Institute.

Researcher Awarded 3-Year Grant for Hormone Study



DR. PHILIP TROEN

A Beth Israel Hospital endocrinologist is the recipient of one of 10 fellowships for basic research awarded by the Medical Foundation, a participating agency of the United Fund.

The grant awarded to Dr. Philip Troen, Associate in Medical Research and Ziskind Teaching Fellow, carries a stipend of $8,000 a year for three years. It will enable him to continue his fundamental work in the field of endocrinology.

Dr. Troen has pioneered in the development of making observations of the function of the placenta, an organ in the uterus which serves as the vital link between the mother and fetus by way of the umbilical cord.

His investigations are uncovering additional information about the role of the placenta as a major hormone-producing organ during its brief period of nine months. They may contribute to greater understanding of the endocrine tissues and of the part played by hormones in health and sickness.

Dr. Troen is taking fresh intact placentas from the delivery room and "perfusing" them in his laboratory, located in the Hospital's Yamin's Research Building, with a solution of chemicals. This process is comparable to the state in which the placenta lives in the uterus.

By this means he has been able to keep the placenta alive for several hours outside the body. By observing the changes that take place in the composition of the perfusion medium, Dr. Troen has been able to learn more about the function of this tissue as a producer of hormones.

His results already include new findings on hormone production and metabolism, including the first demonstrations of certain effects of human chorionic gonadotropin, the "pregnancy hormone."

The results of his investigation thus far have raised several questions and have provided a number of leads that he plans to follow during the coming years.

1. Can the information obtained using the placenta as a means of study be extended to the function of other endocrine glands or even to an understanding of certain hormone related processes such as forms of cancer?

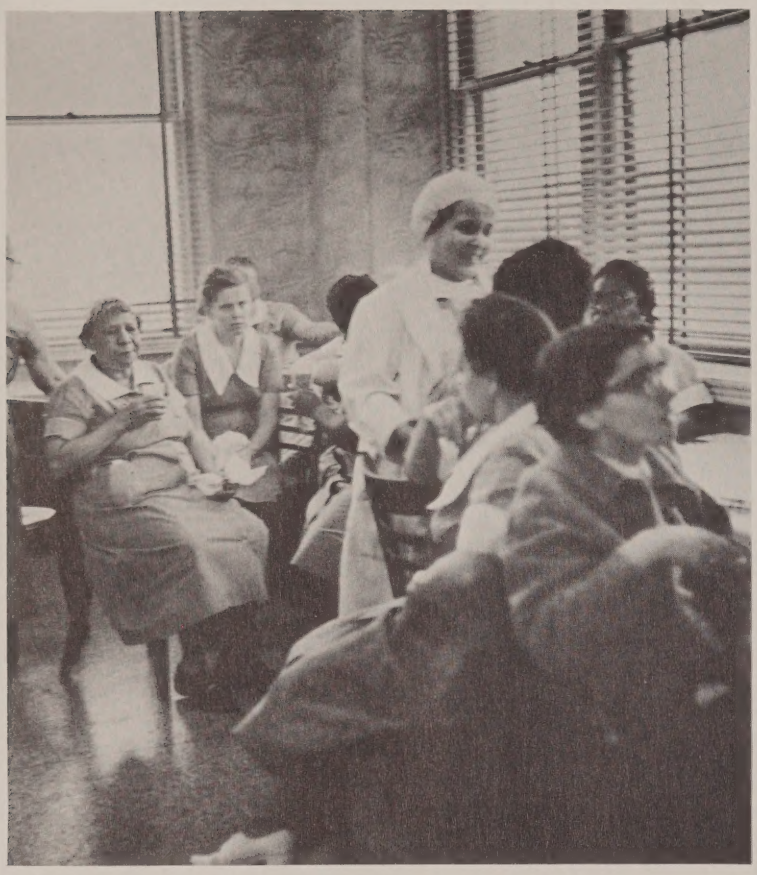
2. It is believed that certain problems of pregnancy, such as toxemia or miscarriage may be related to hormonal changes. Can the role of hormones be classified — and corrective measures discovered — by perfusing a wide variety of placentas from women with abnormal as well as normal pregnancies and observing the difference in hormone production and metabolism?

3. Exactly how does the placenta produce hormones like estrogens and corticosteroids, what are the factors controlling these processes and how do these hormones act in pregnancy?

Dr. Troen began his research while a Kendall-Hench Research Fellow in Endocrinology at the Mayo Clinic in January, 1955, and has continued his work at Beth Israel and Harvard Medical School since October, 1955.

He is Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Tufts University School of Medicine.

The Annual Holiday Open House



The Annual Holiday Open House for hospital employees was held during the waning 48 hours of the old year in the dining room. To Miss Arlyne Vilker of the Personnel Department, chairman of the event, and her committee of 25 go congratulations for a pleasant program of entertainment and refreshments.

The people that helped to make the event a successful one included: Miss Helen Swartz of the Maintenance Department and Miss Valerie Tassinari of House Services who comprised the planning committee; Miss Anne Hurevitz and her Dietary Staff; Mrs. Helen Berman, Dietary Office; and Mrs. Esther Bradbard, Gift Shop; who planned refreshments and decorations.

Mrs. Sylvia Slotnick of Fiscal Services and John Cusack of the Maintenance Department added artistic touches with creative posters and fliers and Miss Elizabeth Brown, student nurse, provided piano entertainment.

Hostesses included: Mrs. Helen Berman, Dietary Department; Miss Dorothy Bernstein, Out-Patient Department; Mrs. Helen Bickford, Dietary Department; Mrs. Gladys Campbell, Telephone Switchboard; Miss Elise Chorbajian, Medical Research; Miss Arline V. Ekman, Bacteriology Laboratory.

Mrs. Phyllis Goodman, Psychiatry Department; Miss Judith Gorfinkle, Personnel Department; Mrs. Vernell Harmon, Mailroom & Information; Miss Toby Kazer, Public Relations; Miss Elena Lindor, Nursing Ancillary; Miss Irene Maltman, Housekeeping Department.

Also, Mrs. Selma Nerko, Purchasing Department; Mrs. Agnes Phelan, Housekeeping Department; Miss Bertha Smith, Pharmacy; Mrs. Bernice Stein, Out-Patient Department; Miss Elsie Sylvester, Surgical Research.

IBM Tabulating Proves Important Element in Hospital Service

THE IBM PUNCHED-CARD SYSTEM is located in the newly-created Tabulating Department which occupies the area formerly known as the Accounting Department.

The IBM Punched Card Tabulating System is proving effective as an important element in the service the Hospital provides for patients and their families.

Installed about six months ago, the system is operated by the newly-created Tabulating Department in Fiscal Services which maintains records on accounts receivable for in-patients. Some of the advantages of this system are: accuracy; it gives more detailed analysis of Hospital services; and statements of charges are kept on a more current basis.

The Tabulating Department maintains a name and address card and a statistical card, which includes such data as age and sex of the patient. Charges rendered to the patient are key-punched and applied daily to the patients account.

After charges are applied, the patient's account new statement is prepared daily so that the patient and family are kept informed on a current basis.

On discharge, the patient is given a basic bill which lists all the services and charges. But his basic bill is left open for three days in case there are any late charges or adjustments in the basic bill. After three days, the former patient is sent a final bill. This might include deductions from insurance policies, etc.

There are five full-time and one part-time member of the Tabulating Department, including Tabulating Supervisor William J. Green, who held a similar position with Howard D. Johnson Company.

RUNNING OFF weekly accounts receivable and balance on patients who have been discharged is what Gunther Preuss is doing. The results will give an accurate balance of accounts outstanding.

TABULATING SUPERVISOR, William J. Green, wires panel for monthly income analysis. "You have to tell the machine what columns to add up," he says. "It can't think for itself."

Meet The Family

MISS BERTHA SMITH

One of our more popular employees is Miss Bertha Smith, Hospital pharmacist for many years. Her co-workers will tell you that she has a unique capacity for winning friends, and when former B.I.'ers return for a visit it is with Bertha that they spend most of their time as she quietly and efficiently goes about her responsibilities.

Bertha has been associated with the Hospital ever since she came to this country, after years of studying pharmacy in Europe. Born in Minsk, Russia, she began her pharmaceutical education at the age of 13 and went on to further study in Germany.

The black-haired, soft-spoken pharmacist had always wanted to study medicine. But when she followed her family to this country in the 30's her plans were changed for her as a result of her father's illness.

Bertha continued to study here, taking night school courses in English — she also speaks German and Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish.

It was a Beth Israel medical staff member who suggested that she come to work at the Hospital. Because of her background and training, he told her that the Hospital was looking for persons of her calibre.

It would be unfair to Bertha to say that she "works" in the Pharmacy Department. The truth of the matter is she is devoted and dedicated — and this is her life.

There are career women in business and industry and medicine. For Miss Bertha Smith, pharmacy is her career. For some years now she has voluntarily worked seven days a week in the department.

What's Going On?

Admitting Office: Congratulations to Mrs. William (Mary) Ritter on the birth of a son, and to Grace Cerullo on her engagement to Jack Flynn, a radio major at Emerson College . . . Penny Protze has graduated from Boston University and is going on to further study for a career in social service . . . Marvin Lowry and Barbara Burnim, RN, are now Mr. and Mrs.

Dietary Department: Welcome to new administrative assistant Ruth Sheinwald and a pleasant farewell to Mrs. Edith Sapolsky, former staff member, who is now devoting her time to homemaking . . . Her husband, formerly on the administrative staff of the Hospital, is now assistant director at the Malden Hospital . . . And welcome back to Jane Baker, Main Kitchen Dietitian, who recently returned from a trip to Bermuda . . . Congratulations to Ursel Wells on her recent marriage to Arthur Jones, a former Hospital employee.

Information & Mailroom: Welcome to new employees Mrs. Winston Newall, flower lady, and Kathleen McCarthy, mail clerk . . . A great big welcome-back to Jean Cohen, who was off duty for two weeks because of illness . . . And congratulations to Ida Singer, who again became a grandmother in January . . . The department has organized a bowling team, which meets once a month. If anyone is interested in joining, contact Mrs. Betty Fitzgerald in the mailroom.

Psychiatry Service: Dr. Joseph J. Michaels has been appointed Clinical Associate in the Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. As president of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, he presided at its 25th anniversary celebration.

Social Service Department: Counselling service for private and semi-private hospitalized patients is a regular part of the department's activity on a fee basis . . . Dorothy McNeill, formerly of the Toronto General Hosital, has joined the casework staff . . . Barbara Parlow is the new executive secretary.

Radiology Service: Dr. Maurice A. Lerner of Israel will be coming here to replace Dr. E. M. Henken, who has departed for Hartford, Conn., and new responsibilities there.

The B.I. News, on behalf of the Hospital, extends its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of Dr. Leo Berman and Dr. Edward Bibring, psychiatrists, who died respectively December 27, 1958, and January 11, 1959.

Dr. Berman, a leading psychoanalyst, educator and researcher, was visiting psychiatrist and director of the unit of psychoanalytic group psychology at Beth Israel and Clinical Associate in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He was 45.

A 1937 graduate of the medical faculty at Basel, Switzerland, his field of special interest was group psychoanalytic psychotherapy and education.

Dr. Bibring, 64, was a close associate of the late Prof. Sigmund Freud and an editor of Prof. Freud's collected writings. A native of Austria, his career centered in Vienna, London and, since 1941, Boston. He achieved an international reputation as a training analyst, teacher and researcher in the psychoanalytic field.

One of Austria's outstanding psychoanalysts in the days preceding Hitler's acquisition of that country, Dr. Bibring was named visiting psychiatrist at the Hospital in 1946. He was research consultant to the Psychiatry Service since 1951. His wife, Dr. Grete L. Bibring, is Chief of the Beth Israel Psychiatry Service.

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